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I am writing in response to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's solicitation for comments on 42 CFR Part 73, Interim Final Rule, Possession, Use, and Transfer of Select Agents and Toxins published in the Federal Register, Vol. 240, No. 67 on Friday, December 13, 2002.

Indiana University, Bloomington support(s) the comments and recommendations for 42 CFR Part 73 submitted by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) on January 21, 2003. I have attached a copy of the HHMI "Comments on 42 CFR Part 73" for your reference. Specifically, the basis for our support and endorsement is that the recommendations will ensure the appropriate availability of biological agents and toxins for research, education, and other legitimate purposes and will base the security requirements for persons possessing, using, or transferring a listed agent or toxin on the degree of risk. The suggested changes also are more specific in terms of what is expected with respect to security and training. Generally, the adoption of the recommendations of the HHMI will lessen the administrative burden of the Final Rule, allow for an effective performance-based security plan, and ensure the relevance of the Final Rule to the biomedical research environment.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Interim Final Rule.

Sincerely,

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